

Amendments to the Claims

1-21. (canceled)

22. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~24~~ 33, wherein the cutting of the carton board and the tape forms a serrated edge in the tape and along the cutting edge of each carton blank.

23. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~24~~ 33, wherein the carton blank comprises a front panel, a bottom panel, a rear panel, and a lid.

24. (previously presented) The method according to claim 23, wherein the cutting edge is formed on the front panel.

25. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~24~~ 33, wherein the tape comprises a backing formed of a polymeric material selected from the group consisting of polyester, polyethylene and polypropylene.

26-27. (canceled)

28. (previously presented) The method according to claim 23, wherein the carton board and tape are cut simultaneously such that (i) the tape and (ii) the front panel or lid each have a matching profile that together form the cutting edge.

29. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~24~~ 33, wherein the tape is applied in registry with preformed adjacent edges of the carton blanks cut from the carton board.

30. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~24~~ 33, wherein the roll of tape is preformed with the adhesive coated on one side of the polymeric backing.

31. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~24~~ 33, wherein the backing has a thickness between about 2 mils (0.05 mm) to about 7 mils (0.18 mm).

32. (canceled)

33. (currently amended) A method of forming a cutting edge on a dispensing carton for film, foil, or paper, the method comprising:

supplying a roll of tape to an application station, the tape having a polymeric backing coated with an adhesive on one side;

applying a length of the tape to a length of carton board and laminating the tape to the carton board; and

cutting the carton board and tape lengthwise to separate the carton board into carton blanks and form a cutting edge on each carton blank;

wherein the adhesive is a hot melt adhesive;

wherein the tape is applied to the carton board with one or more heated rollers.

34. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~24~~ 33, wherein the backing is corona treated.

35. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~24~~ 33, wherein the backing is heat resistant between about 160°F (71°C) and about 350°F (177°C).

36. (currently amended) A method of forming a cutting edge on a dispensing carton for film, foil, or paper, the method comprising:

supplying a roll of tape to an application station, the tape having a polymeric backing coated with an adhesive on one side;

applying a length of the tape to a length of carton board and laminating the tape to the carton board; and

cutting the carton board and tape lengthwise to separate the carton board into carton blanks and form a cutting edge on each carton blank;

wherein the carton blank comprises a front panel, a bottom panel, a rear panel, and a lid;

wherein the cutting edge is formed on the front panel;

~~The method according to claim 24,~~ wherein the cutting edge projects above the edge of the front panel.

37. (previously presented) The method according to claim 36, wherein the portion of the cutting edge projecting above the edge of the front panel is free of the adhesive.

38. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~24~~ 33, wherein the act of cutting the carton board and tape comprises simultaneously cutting the carton board and tape lengthwise to separate the carton board into separate carton blanks with a cutting edge on each carton blank.